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Up she rises! - p7

Cutty Sark elevated to new heights

2012 shooting range bang on target

by Dick Townsend-Smith

AN artist's impression of the 2012 shooting venue has been released by the Olympic Delivery Authority. The shooting range at the Royal Artillery Barracks, Woolwich, will host the Pistol, Rifle and Shotgun Shooting competitions, as well as Paralympic Archery.

It is set to be completed in time for international shooting test events next spring. Spectators will enter the venue with views of the world-famous military base - the longest continuous Georgian building façade in the UK - before taking their seats to watch the action.

LOCOG chair Seb Coe said: "Staging the Shooting and Paralympic Archery events at the world famous Royal Artillery Barracks will provide a memorable background during the Games which will inspire the athletes and provide a great showcase for London and the UK." President of the International Shooting Sport Federation, Olegario Vázquez Raña, said: "It is fantastic to see our athletes and the sport of shooting located at such an iconic venue at the very centre and heart of the London Games.

"We are extremely impressed with the design, plans and arrangements for the venue. It will provide a splendid stage upon which to showcase our athletes and sport to the world."

It's estimated that more than 104,000 spectators will attend the Shooting and Paralympic Archery competitions - roughly 6,500 people a day.

Immediately after the Games, the venue will begin to be dismantled and the site returned to its original condition, after

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In my opinion

Success story at The Valley



ON the last Saturday of the season at The Valley, Charlton fans gave a great reception to the club's women's team, who had secured promotion back to the National Division - and the next day the team learnt that they were also crowned champions of the Southern Division on goal difference. When you consider that this was done with the youngest team in the league, the achievement is even more remarkable and an incredible turnaround. Many readers will be aware that when Charlton were relegated from the Barclays Premier League in 2007, a high-profile casualty was the women's team which had won Women's FA Cup in the club's centenary Season in 2005.

I was commercial director of the club and a member of the Women's Football Committee at that time and it was a dark period for everyone concerned. To the Charlton Athletic Community Trust's great credit, it took over the running and funding of women's and girls' football and effectively started again, under the

supervision of former star Paul Mortimer. Now, women's football at Charlton is thriving once again thanks to a lot of hard work by Paul and his staff - and by the dedication of the girls who now represent the club so passionately. The original break-up was a great personal disappointment to me. I was therefore delighted when CACT resurrected the programme and asked me to chair the newly constituted committee. We now operate a vibrant and successful programme, including a thriving centre of excellence and academy operation. We also have a dedicated patron in Stephen King of PHSC plc, a health and safety and environmental health consultancy. The girls can now enjoy a well-earned rest before coming back for pre-season training to prepare for the challenge of the National Division. Why not come down to Thamesmead Town next season, where we play our home matches and cheer the girls on. You'll be made very welcome. Find out more at www.cafcwomen.co.uk

Steve Sutherland

Kidbrooke Village plans revealed

RESIDENTS had a chance to examine plans for the next stage of the Kidbrooke Regeneration, known as The Village Centre, last week. A two-day public exhibition at the Kidbrooke Regeneration Project Office showcased details of Phase 3 of the £1bn scheme which is renovating the former Ferrier Estate and surrounding areas of Kidbrooke. Plans for the Village Centre were recently submitted and are due to be considered by Greenwich Council this summer. The application

follows public consultation on the proposals in July last year. The Village Centre will be the commercial hub of the regeneration project and includes plans for a supermarket, shops, hotel, community facilities and new transport exchange. Many of the homes in Phase 1 are now completed and new apartments are due to be ready under Phase 2 and 2a. The scheme is being led by Greenwich Council in partnership with Berkeley Homes (Urban Renaissance) the Homes and Communities Agency

and Southern Housing Group. John Anderson, chairman of Berkeley (Urban Renaissance) Ltd: "The regeneration of the Ferrier Estate is gaining pace with residents having moved into the first completed houses. It is very exciting that the planning application for The Village Centre has now been submitted and we look forward to the public's feedback on the final plans."

● More on the Kidbrooke development visit www.greenwich.gov.uk/kidbrooke

Fixing your fittings

by Pat Greenwood

GOVERNMENT officials have been to see for themselves how the work of Greenwich's Home Improvement Team can change the lives of Greenwich residents.

Mottingham grandmother Sandra Chittick, 66, was one of the people who invited reps from the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) into her home earlier this month so they could see the new walk-in shower which she says has "brought her dignity back".

Sandra, who has lived in the area for 33 years, is one of many Greenwich residents who have been helped with home improvements and adaptations by the council's Disability and Home Improvement Team.

Mrs Chittick has arthritis in her legs and her spine and she is partially sighted.

She told us: "I had a new right hip at the QE Hospital in Woolwich last April, but, before that, I was trying to climb into my plastic bath to use a shower attachment.

"Then, when I had a bad fall, I bought a step and a zimmer frame to try to help me get in.

"I always waited for my daughter to come over before I took a shower. But she doesn't drive and she needed to take three buses from Surrey."

The grandmother-of-six got help from Greenwich Council to apply for a grant. The council also appointed builders and supervised all aspects of the work from start to finish, and the shower was installed in less than three weeks.

She told us: "The standard of workmanship was excellent - and this has really made a difference to my quality of life."

She added: "The workmen themselves were so pleasant too. If this service hadn't been available, I'd just have to carry on as I was. But, now, because of all this, I've got my dignity back."

Cllr Steve Offord, the council's cabinet member for housing, also went along to look at the work.

He told GT: "This is a really valuable service that changes the lives of older people and enables them to continue living independently in their own homes. Without this service people would need more support from other health and care services."

He added: "I've been impressed at how all the improvements are tailor-made to

Help for disabled residents with home improvements



WELCOME: Mottingham resident Mrs Sandra Chittick was happy to explain how her bathroom improvements came about to Cllr Steve Offord, Greenwich Council's cabinet member for housing, above Mrs Chittick loves her new walk-in shower

the needs of each disabled resident.

It's also interesting to see what can be done to a property to make it more comfortable for the people who live there."

Jon Bright, a director at the government department which came on the visit to the borough, told GT: "This is very impressive - and the way these improvements have been customised to the specific needs of the client is very evident here."

● Find out if you could be eligible for an assessment for the service by ringing the Adult and Older People's Services Initial Contact Team on 020 8921 2304. Find out how to apply at www.greenwich.gov.uk/housing The Disability and Home Improvement Team also provide advice and support to low income older or disabled home owners, including a handyperson service. Further information on 020 8921 2614 or email home-improvement@greenwich.gov.uk

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Bang on target

Pics of Olympic shooting range revealed

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which it will be handed back to the Ministry of Defence.
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SHOOT TO THRILL:
The first image of the London 2012 Shooting venue unveiled as building work starts at Royal Artillery Barracks

Borough BRIEFS

Mottingham fest at the ready

RESIDENTS are gearing up for this year's Mottingham Festival which runs from Saturday, June 11 to Sunday, July 3. The event will include a flower festival, quiz night, concerts, horticultural show, a stage production of 'The Importance of Being Ernest', an illustrated history talk on the area, and a guided tour of Eltham College. There'll be a fete on Saturday June 18 at the Mottingham Sports Ground, Grove Park Road, from 1-5pm, preceded by a parade of historic and interesting vehicles through Mottingham Village at 12.45pm. To enter the vehicle parade contact 020 8859 5671. Full programme of events available at Mottingham library and at www.mottinghamfestival.co.uk

Craft designers market days

GREENWICH Market jewellery and fashion designers showcase their new collections in a special one-day market this Friday, May 20. It's the second in a series of special Friday events at the market to celebrate Craft & Design Month. Last Friday toy, gift and stationery makers showcased their work. On Friday, May 27, wood turner Tom Biddulph will bring his lathe to the market as part of a Homes and Interiors-themed day. There'll be pop-up room sets featuring decorative pieces from local shops and stalls and a line-cutting demonstration. Details at www.shopgreenwich.co.uk

Apprentices shine at building skills contest

A YOUNG carpenter and a trainee plumber at Shooters Hill post-16 campus outshone their peers at a prestigious London-wide "future skills" competition.

The Apprentice Skills Showcase competition, in Hackney, East London, was staged by the Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA). It was designed to highlight the importance of vocational training in the run up to the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. It also helped to raise awareness among employers of the high-quality talent being developed in colleges and training centres.

The challenge attracted some of the most able trainees in their trade from ten colleges across the capital.

George Parsons, 18, from Charlton, a student at the post-16 campus in Red Lion Lane, came first in a carpentry and joinery challenge.

The challenge was one of several designed by professionals to test the ability and creativity of scores of trainees across the capital.

George, who is a former pupil of Blackheath Bluecoats School, said: "I really enjoy my carpentry course at Shooters Hill, and I am hoping to progress onto an apprenticeship in carpentry."

Fellow-student, 17-year-old Abiola Omotosho, from Abbey Wood, came second in the plumbing section.

Abiola said: "Shooters Hill enables me to learn within a professional and exciting environment. I was so pleased I

received an award."

Jack Budd, an ex-Shooters Hill student, succeeded in obtaining a Showcase Medal in the Landscape and Horticultural section. All the employers on the Olympic Park were invited to the event, and some put their own trainees into the mix to compete against the students.

The trades showcased in the contest were:

- Electrical Engineering
- Plumbing
- Carpentry & Joinery
- Brickwork
- Painting & Decorating
- Ceramic Tiling
- Landscape and Horticultural

Students who were placed first, second and third in all disciplines received certificates and London 2012 badges. The winners also received gift vouchers from DIY superstore B & Q.

Ian Ashman, principal at Hackney Community College which hosted the event, said: "It was a showcase of skills at the highest level – a great opportunity to highlight the talent in all of our colleges. I congratulate all the winners and wish them well for a successful future."

Bob Noseda, Supply Side Manager for the London 2012 Apprentice Programme, added: "The trainees taking part were fantastic and proved that good candidates are already training."

Alongside the Skills Showcase, competitors and visitors had the chance to speak to employers about job opportunities, and to pick up a range of information.

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Why must my son lose vital friend?

LIKE many children with autism, our son has no friends and spends much of his time alone. For the last three years a charity named Greenwich Volcare have provided a young adult for seven hours every two weeks to accompany him on trips, play with him and help him feel normal. I am horrified to find that Greenwich Council has cut this funding and our son will lose the friend he has made. He is really



upset and I share his sadness - how can this be justified? The people of Greenwich value and support disabled children, and surely

would be horrified to know that the council has done this.

Mrs H Fearnley, Eltham

● IN the council's recent third sector commissioning round, it was agreed that breaks for parents of disabled children were a high priority for funding. Following a competitive process, Greenwich Toy Library, Mencap and the New Lodge Riding Centre were allocated funding to provide these services. Volcare

were not successful in competing for funding. Council officers are contacting families using Volcare services to make sure they know what the council has commissioned and where they can get further information on these and other services to support them. In addition, families receiving direct payments from the council can buy services from any organisation that can meet their needs. **Ed**

That money would be better spent on Willow Dene

FURTHER to the article entitled 'Setting sites right' (April 26), I was appalled that the council is spending £74m on extending Greenwich University when the borough's only special needs primary school has been left to deteriorate for the past ten years! Before the Easter break, we were led to believe that money was available, and building of a new school could happen within the next year. This offer is now withdrawn. The amount quoted of £23m appears too much to spend on disabled children. Perhaps it does not make such a good headline! Why will no-one take responsibility for sorting this problem, and provide a much-needed new school for the amazing pupils and staff of Willow Dene? Were the offers before Easter made just to keep us at bay and quiet? Don't the pupils of this school deserve the same opportunities to learn and develop as their peers in mainstream school? Please think again and provide the disabled children of Greenwich with the school and facilities they truly deserve.

Fenella Howard, Plumstead

● LOCAL councils do not fund universities. The story referred to the money being spent by the university on extending their premises. The council had a proposal to relocate Willow Dene school six years ago. This was rejected by the school's governing body because it did not contain all the elements they required, despite the fact these could have been added later. Costs then increased and the project became unaffordable. The council continues to seek urgent ways to secure the renewal of the school, and preferably its relocation. A decision on the location of the site will be made when the costs of the project have been confirmed, and we are now expecting that this point will be reached in the near future.

Great to meet neighbours at royal wedding street party

I REALLY enjoyed your coverage of the Royal Wedding street parties 'By Royal command' (May 10). The street parties near us were a huge part of my excitement. I loved the way that everyone got together and had a great time. We all shared the preparation of the food, drink and decorations and it was a fabulous way to get the neigh-

bours talking. I can't wait for the next royal wedding so we can all celebrate again. It was such fun! The whole day made me proud to be British! Drinking tea and eating scones whilst our newly-weds were having the greatest wedding of all time. Prince Harry hurry up and choose someone! I want another party now!

Lisa Parish, Eltham

Are the bin men confused or am I?

HELLO there, it would either seem that the refuse collectors are confused as to what is allowed to be put in each bin, or I am.

A year ago our blue-lidded bin was not emptied because we had put soiled kitchen roll in it. We were told to put soiled kitchen roll in the green-lidded bin. This seemed a fair thing to be told because kitchen roll is after all a form of paper, and we are told to wrap food in paper before placing it in the green-lidded bin. This was also confirmed by an article in the local paper the other week, which stated food should be wrapped in paper or kitchen roll before placing it in the green-lidded bin. The paper was possibly Greenwich Time, I can't remember.

This week, however, our green-lidded bin was not emptied because it had soiled kitchen roll in it! The black-lidded bin collectors emptied it for us. Where do we stand and do the

refuse collectors know the actual rules?

Dave Seguss, Eltham.

● MR Seguss is quite right - soiled kitchen roll should be put in the green top bin, and this was publicised in the Easter edition of Greenwich Time.

Food waste and soiled kitchen roll causes the council real problems when it's put into the blue top bins and spoils the good recyclable material already in them. This means that rather than being recycled, the whole content of the blue top bin ends up being incinerated.

Collectors do know the rules, but from time to time, they do make mistakes. In this case, the council would like to apologise to Mr Seguss.

Clearly there has been an error by the Green crew that services this property.

If Mr Seguss wants to send his address the council can take it up with the appropriate crew.

Ed.

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VENESSA Narvilaite, Eltham: 'I took this because I thought it looked so beautiful and other-wordly, like a fairy tale.'



NET GAIN: Crown Woods pupils test out the new basketball court

MUGA magic!

‘London 2012’ legacy is here right now

by Peter Cordwell

THE legacy is already there in the smiles, the energy and the enthusiasm.

Students from Crown Woods College in brand-new kit - complete with house names - launched the borough's latest MUGA - Multi-Use Games Area - with an impromptu basketball session last week.

The MUGA in Avery Hill Park, just across the road from the new school, was funded through the Mayor of London's 'Help a London Park' scheme and is part of Greenwich Council's 'Playground to Podium' initiative.

Facilities like it all over the borough will be part of Greenwich's inheritance as a host borough for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games helping to encourage more and more people to get active and use Greenwich parks for local community activities.

And one day we might be saying that it all started here for one or two of the Crown Woods students who experienced the MUGA magic.



STARS OF THE FUTURE? Matthew Taylor and Renee Ross-Gordon in action

Two of them - 14-year-olds Renee Ross-Gordon and Matthew Taylor - are already high up in UK Athletics' 'Power of 10' rankings and brimming with the confidence that success in sport brings.

Renee, who lives in Greenwich, told GT: "Last year I started training with the local club, Cambridge Harriers, and did a few competitions with them and now I'm third in London for the under 15 200



metres and sixth in the UK.

"My ambition is to carry on with my running and one day make the Olympics. Sport means everything to me. It's what I love doing and keeps me on track and out of bad company. One day I want to be right up there and for people to say I went to Crown Woods."

"The facilities in the park are really good and it's really easy to get here from school. I think it's good that it's for everyone else as well."

Matthew, who lives in Plumstead, is also with Cambridge Harriers and does high jump and hurdles. He said: "I competed in the pentathlon for my club and set personal bests in all five events."

"At the time I was second for high jump in the 'Power of 10' rankings, 20th in the 60-metre hurdles and 12th in the long jump. I won the pentathlon event so I was very happy about that."

"Sport is fun, I guess, it's a way to keep off the streets and to push yourself to your limits. It's enjoyable to do sports every day. It's much more fun than staying indoors all the time."

"I play basketball quite a lot so the facilities here are excellent. It's so close to school, I can just cross the road to use them. Later in life I want to get involved in anything to do with sport, hopefully as a professional at the Olympics and events like the Commonwealth Games."

The MUGA - funded through the Mayor of London's 'Help a London Park' scheme - is part of Greenwich Council's 'Playground to Podium' initiative. Cllr John Fahy, the council's cabinet member for culture and the Olympics, told GT: "This is the first time I've seen these facilities and I'm very impressed. We're aiming to increase participation across the borough, especially among the 16 to 18-year-olds who tend to opt out."

"Bringing back inter-school sports competition will be a big help in this direction while at the same time making the facilities available to the public, who can use them at any time."

The Mayor of London Boris Johnson said: "I'm delighted that our Help a London park funding has resulted in shiny new sports facilities for local youngsters to enjoy."

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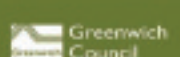
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Long to rein over us...

CHILDREN huddled round excitedly when they were visited by two "guests" who reined supreme at the Royal Wedding.

Jasmine and Finsbury were two of the police horses that made sure William and Catherine's big day stayed on the bridle.

The children were from the Robert Owen Early Years Centre in Greenwich, where the Chestnut class got involved in an animal project that included setting up a role-play vets practice.

They took a particular interest in horses so "room leader" Margaret Revett contacted the Met Police with a view to visiting their police horses.

Better than that,

Jasmine and Finsbury went to visit them! Headteacher Fiona Kemp told GT: said 'We were thrilled to have these beautiful horses visit us. The wow factor was felt by children, staff and parents.' Ralph, aged four, commented: "I love horses, I love horses!" Dusan, also four, added: "Everybody likes the horses!"



NEIGH PROBLEM: police horses Jasmine and Finsbury are happy to meet a couple of Robert Owen youngsters

Up she rises!

Cutty Sark is raised 12 feet to house new museum

by Dick Townsend-Smith

GREENWICH'S Grand Old Lady of the sea, the world-famous tea clipper the Cutty Sark, has reached a new milestone in her restoration following the devastating fire in 2007.

She has now been lifted nearly 12 feet above the bottom of her dry berth in Greenwich, and visitors will be able to take a close-up look at the innovative hull that made her one of the fastest tea clippers which brought back tea from China in the late 19th century.

An interactive museum will be built in the space under the three-masted ship, where visitors will be able to find out more about her history. The hull is being suspended from 12 arms on a concrete beam running along the sides of the dry berth.

Richard Doughty, chief executive of the Cutty Sark Trust, said: "What made the Cutty Sark famous was her speed and that was achieved by her hull shape. Visitors will be able to see the hull for the first time, and it's an extraordinary sight to see this huge elegant ship suspended above your head."

The May 2007 fire, which caused £10 million worth of damage, was said to have been caused by an industrial vacuum cleaner accidentally left on. The ship used to be one of London's most popular tourist attractions, and is due to open in Spring next year following the restoration work.

● The ship was displayed in the



AIR WE GO: the Cutty Sark's hull is now on show, below, how the ship might look when it reopens next spring

Thames for the 1951 Festival of Britain, and was then brought to Greenwich by the Cutty Sark Preservation Society which was formed in 1953. A special dry-dock was constructed and nearly three years were spent on her restoration. In 1957 the ship was opened to the public in a live broadcast by The Queen. Since that time, Cutty Sark has been visited by more than 16 million people from all over the world.



Borough BRIEFS

Summer digital courses to start

WOULD you like to improve your iPad skills, produce a film or set up a website? Greenwich Digital Skills is running a third set of courses designed to help you be part of the digital age. The free courses on offer include Web Design, Drawing with the iPad, Making Music with the iPad, working with Animation and Architecture software, Film and Video making and Sound Design. Some run for just a day, others for up to ten weeks starting on May 23. They take place at Ravensbourne College on Greenwich Peninsula which held a taster day where visitors could join in free workshops last Saturday. Further details on greenwich.digitalskills@rave.ac.uk or call Freephone 0800 0130 730

Free advice day for consumers

GREENWICH Trading Standards and colleagues from the ECCS (European Consumer Centre for Service) will be giving consumer and trading standards advice to residents and visitors to Greenwich in Greenwich Town Centre on Friday, May 20 from 10am to 3pm. They will be based around the Greenwich Tourist Information Centre, Pepys House, 2 Cutty Sark Gardens, SE10 9LW, next to the Discover Greenwich Centre and Museum. They'll provide free advice, leaflets and ECCS freebies including pens, travelcard holders and luggage tags. Greenwich Council Trading Standards will be present to ensure that local residents are aware of the range of services that they offer such as a rapid response team to attend doorstep selling incidents.

League banks on a special day

BARCLAYS Bank in Westcombe Park has helped to organise a charity seven-a-side football tournament at Long Lane JFC in Dursley Road, Kidbrooke, on Sunday, May 29. There will be a barbecue and auction with all proceeds going to the South London Special League. Long Lane are providing all the facilities free of charge.

On Thursday, May 26, the league will be holding its Special Girls World Cup competition at the London Marathon Playing Fields, Shooters Hill, from 10.30am-2.30pm. The winning team will be presented with a signed England team shirt.

Pupils talk - and walk the walk

HUNDREDS of primary and secondary school pupils are stepping out for Walk to school Week, May 16-20. They've been given wall charts, posters and cards to help them record how many miles they've walked to and from school. It's all part of a campaign by the Living Streets charity to help youngsters get fitter and save carbon. The week is also designed to encourage pupils to 'walk smart' and be more aware of road safety and their personal safety while they're out and about. The charity is offering certificates to primary pupils who notch up the most miles, while secondary pupils could scoop £50 in vouchers. For more information or to take part call Camilla Olofsson on 020-8921 8190 or visit www.mylivingstreets.org.uk



BYE MONSTER: author Guy Bass and Cllr John Fahy with Fuzzlebutt and his young fans at the Eltham Centre

A fond farewell to Fuzzlebutt

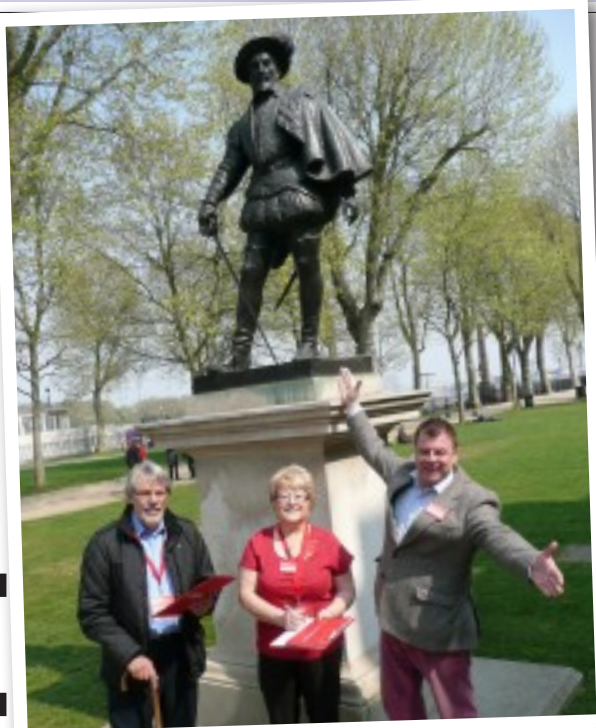
FUZZLEBUTT the monster has moved out of the Eltham Centre. The scary creation, made by more than 60 children under the direction of author Guy Bass, has been in the foyer of the building in Archery Road, since the

middle of last month. The young people put it together while songs to get them in creative mood - like "Monster Mash" and "Purple People-eater" - played over the tannoy. Guy's "Mungler" characters - now featuring in libraries

all over London - were designed in Greenwich with the help of local schoolchildren. The monster was named Fuzzlebutt in a competition during a family gala day earlier last month. The event was staged to celebrate

the full re-opening of all the services at Eltham Centre following a fire just over one year ago. **● ELTHAM** Centre welcomes an average of 18,000 visitors each week, and just over 10,500 use the library.

VOLUNTEER 'Greeters' are piloting a free, informal way to give very small groups of visitors their first introduction to London. The new service being offered by the five Olympic host boroughs is currently being managed by Greenwich Council via the Tourist Information Centre. GT went out to meet three of the first recruits...



MEETERS AND GREETERS: Eleanor Monk, Robert Gray and David Botting-Page are all clued up to greet visitors to Greenwich

Greet expectations

MEET and greet volunteers, Robert Gray, David Botting-Page and Eleanor Monk all have one important thing in common. They're passionate about this patch of London!

Each can offer their own very special "take" on a borough which they've known for decades.

Actor Robert, who also runs a Bed and Breakfast business in the heart of Greenwich town centre, has already perfected a unique piece of magic for first-time visitors.

If they're keen on finding out more about the Royal Observatory's red "time ball", which drops once a day on the Meridian, he'll take them there just before 1pm - so it happens as he's speaking!

Robert, who first settled in the borough in the early 1960s, told us: "My first group as a 'Greeter' was a party of four students in their mid-20s from Italy. We met at the Docklands Light Railway station at Cutty Sark. I didn't tell them very

by Pat Greenwood

much about the time ball until we were within sight of it - at exactly the right time."

Eleanor, who has recently retired from her job as an administrator, is very keen to hear from small groups who'd like to know more about Woolwich, where she's previously lived for 27 years.

"I'm looking forward to greeting my first visitors there," she said. "There is so much to see, especially with the redevelopment of the Royal Arsenal."

"Maybe someone coming over from Australia, for instance, would want to see where his granddad worked - and did you know that Samuel Pepys mentioned Woolwich in his diary?"

David, from Plumstead, who retired from working with people with disabilities five years ago, is equally keen on introducing Eltham to small groups.

He told GT: "Of course, there's Eltham Palace, and

there's also lots to discover about the author, Edith Nesbit, who wrote 'The Railway Children'."

Because of his former job in health and social care, David's also keen to welcome anyone with a disability. He said: "It just means double-checking your route beforehand. But I believe this borough is really accessible."

The Global Greeter Network is an informal virtual association - via the internet - and now over 200 cities are interested in setting up their own schemes.

David said: "I requested to be shown around Melbourne when I visited Australia. Later, when I spoke to some people who actually lived there, they didn't know some of the things about it that I had learned!"

Eleanor said: "Volunteering as a Greeter has really furthered my interest in local history. I'm having to look so many things up."

She added: "I recently met two Chilean students who had never been to Europe before. They had just four hours in

London, and we spent just over one hour together in Greenwich.

"I started by explaining that this place had grown up when people started coming down from London because it was so full of green and offered everything they wanted. It still does, too!"

Robert, David and Eleanor were among the first group of Greenwich Greeters to be inducted at the Greenwich Heritage Centre on the Royal Arsenal at Woolwich at the end of last year.

Anyone interested in volunteering for the new scheme can find out more by emailing their details to greeters@greenwich.gov.uk

Visitors to the borough, both from the UK and from abroad, should request a tour with a Greeter at least two weeks in advance. Tours usually last up to two hours and can accommodate a maximum of six people.

● FULL information via www.visiteastlondon.com/london-greeters

MEPS & GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY MEMBERS

GREENWICH AND WOOLWICH

Nick Raynsford (Lab)
Email: nick.raynsford.mp@parliament.uk
or write to Nick Raynsford MP, House of Commons, London OAA
Call the office in advance on 020 7219 5895 to register for a surgery (lines are open Monday-Thursday 10am-12pm & 2-4pm).
2nd & 4th Fridays of the month, 7pm at 32 Woolwich Road, Greenwich SE10 0JU.
2nd Saturday of the month, 11am at Charlton House, Charlton Road, Charlton SE7 8RE.
2nd Saturday of the month, 2pm at West Greenwich House, 141 Greenwich High Road, Greenwich SE10 8JA.
4th Saturday of the month: 11am at the Barnfield Project, Oak House, Barnfield Road SE18 3UH.
4th Saturday of the month, 2pm at Woolwich Town Hall, Wellington Street, Woolwich SE18 6PW.

ELTHAM

Clive Efford (Lab) Call for an appointment at the following monthly surgeries on 020-8850 5744 between 11am and 3pm Mon-Fri.
1st Tues: Anstridge Community Centre, Anstridge Rd. SE9, 11am-12.30pm
1st Fri: Horn Park Community Centre, 96 Sibthorpe Road, 11am-12.30pm
2nd Fri: Slade Hall, Pendrell Street, 6pm
2nd Sat: St Mary's Community Centre, Eltham High Street, 10am and 4th Friday at a of the month at 6pm.
3rd Tues: Middle Park Community Centre, 150 Middle Park Avenue, 11am-12.30pm
3rd Fri: Coldharbour Neighbourhood office, library entrance, William Barefoot Drive, 11am.
4th Sat: Shrewsbury House, 10am, Bushmoor Crescent

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All surgeries are booked by appointment by calling 020 7219 7068 or write to Teresa Pearce MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA, or email teresa.pearce.mp@parliament.uk
Four advice surgeries each month: the 1st Saturday of the month in Thamesmead, the 2nd Saturday of the month in Erith, the 3rd Friday of the month in Northumberland Heath and the 4th Friday of the month in Abbey Wood.

GLA MEMBER

Len Duval (Lab) is the GLA member for Greenwich and Lewisham. Please write to Len Duval, GLA, City Hall, Queen's Walk, London SE1 2AA; phone 020-7983 4408/4517; or email len.duval@london.gov.uk

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Contact your MEP at the UK Office of the European Parliament on 020-7227 4300.

Contact Members' Services on 020 8921 5151 for information on the surgery timings for your own councillor.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

THE following meetings are taking place over the next few days in the Town Hall, Wellington Street (unless otherwise stated).
Joint Meeting of the Cabinet, Licensing Committee and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Wednesday May 18, 7.10pm
Children's Trust Board - Thursday May 26, 9.30am

More information on 020-8921 5130 or www.greenwich.gov.uk/meetings



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Or send a Large stamped, addressed A4 envelope to
Advocacy in Greenwich, Forum @Greenwich,
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www.advocacyingreenwich.org.uk

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Promoting equality and quality of life for all

Oxleas now provides community health services across Greenwich and Bexley

From 1 April 2011, Greenwich Community Health Services joined Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust. Bexley Community Health Services joined the trust in July last year. Oxleas now provides a wide range of community health, mental health and learning disability services across South East London to people of all ages.



If you would like to know more about local health services, why not become a member of Oxleas? Becoming a member is free and is the best way to share your views on how health services should develop locally.

To join, please contact the Communications Team on 01322 625 754 or fill out a membership form at www.oxleas.nhs.uk

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Joining in the parks project

Reminiscence challenge over open spaces

by Pat Greenwood

FOND memories of walking, playing and having picnics in a "necklace" of open spaces that once made up the Charlton Estate are to be collated into a special local people's history project over the next 15 months.

The special reminiscence challenge, made possible through a grant of £39,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund's 'Your Heritage' programme, will focus on Hornfair, Charlton, Maryon Wilson, and Maryon Parks, as well as Gilberts Pit and Barrier Park.

The parks lie along the Green Chain Walk as it runs from Shooters Hill through Charlton to the River Thames.

The new project, which will organise a series of public information days over the next 15 months, is being co-ordinated by Greenwich Mural Workshop Partnership, which includes Friends of Charlton House, Friends of Charlton Park, Friends of Maryon and Maryon Wilson parks and the Charlton Society.

The partnership will also look at the origins of the estate through maps, books and newspapers, photographs and drawings.

The project will work with pupils from Greenwich schools

including The John Roan at Blackheath, and Thorntree and Charlton Manor primary schools, along with Greenwich Council, Greenwich Heritage Centre, the Royal Artillery at The Firepower! Museum and Charlton Athletic Football Club.

A group of 20 volunteers including secondary school pupils will be trained in the skills of interviewing, digital recording and editing. They will work with Creative Process, a London-based not-for-profit regeneration agency, to devise an interactive website to publish the stories and provide a resource for local schools.

The whole project will culminate in an exhibition in Charlton House next June in the lead up to the 2012 Olympic games.

The project has the support of Lord Gough, who is a direct descendant of the Maryon Wilson family. They were custodians of Charlton House and the Estate from the early 1700s until 1923, when part of the land was sold to London County Council.

Sue Bowers, head of Heritage Lottery Fund London, said: "This is an imaginative project to capitalise on the local community's support for their neighbourhood parks - to get them involved in unlocking the hidden history of their area that these green spaces



represent."

Carol Kenna, artistic director of Greenwich Mural Workshop, said: "The partnership is thrilled to receive the endorsement of the Heritage Lottery grant."

She added: "By recognising the worth of this project it has been made possible for local people to place their own his-

HOUSE PRIZES: Charlton House will host the historical project around the 'necklace' of parks and open spaces that once made up the Charlton Estate

tories into the wider history of Greenwich and the country."

● **FIND out more by contacting Greenwich Mural Workshop on 020-8473 7006 or email carol@greenwich-muralworkshop.com**

Borough BRIEFS

Amnesty set for books bonanza

AMNESTY International's most successful local fundraising event will be held in Greenwich on Saturday, June 18. The Blackheath and Greenwich group will hold its annual book sale at the Church of the Ascension in Dartmouth Row, Greenwich, from 9am-5pm. Quality books at knock-down prices, many of them brand new, will be available at the event that has raised nearly £200,000 in 36 years.

Dads matched for five-a-side tournament

KEEN dads from a dozen of the borough's children's centres will be pitching into a five-a-side knockout football tournament towards the end of his month.

Spectators and family supporters are invited to Charlton School in Charlton Park Road on Sunday, May 22. The event is on from 9.30am until 2.30pm.

Enthusiasm for the football tournament was kicked off by Mulgrave Children's Centre in Woolwich whose thriving dads' team is keen to challenge the rest.

The five-a-side morning has the backing of Greenwich Council and Charlton School. Charlton Athletic Football Club, several of whose community coaches have strong links with the children's centres, is donating the trophy. There will also be a small cup for the best individual player.

If the weather is good enough, Charlton FC coaches may also organise an informal kick-around in next-door Charlton Park for children.

● Find out more about the first dads' football tournament of its kind by ringing 020-8921 6921 or by emailing fis@greenwich.gov.uk

Help if you are facing redundancy

IF you are facing redundancy or if your working hours have been reduced, knowing how to cope financially can be worrying.

Many people miss out on extra help because they do not know they can claim. There is a range of benefits and other financial support depending on your circumstances. For example, you should receive Statutory Redundancy Pay if you have been working for the same employer for at least two years.

Other benefits you may be able to claim include:

● **Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)** - this is the main benefit for people who are not in work. You may get contribution-based JSA if you have paid enough national insurance contributions - even if you have a partner in full-time

work. There is also income-based JSA if your income is low enough. Income Support - you may be able to claim Income Support rather than JSA, if you are a lone parent of a child under 7 (or 5 from October) or if you are a carer. Call Jobcentre Plus on 0800 055 6688 to claim.

● **Working Tax Credit** - can continue to be paid for four weeks when work stops. Call the Tax Credits Helpline on 0845 300 3900 (textphone 0845 300 3909).

● **Housing Benefit (HB) and Council Tax Benefit (CTB)** - if you are already getting HB or CTB you may now get more help. If not, contact Greenwich Advice and Benefits Service on 020 8921 4900 (or textphone 18001 020 8921 4900) to check if you can claim.

If you own your home - you may

be able to get help towards your mortgage interest payments and service charges if you get Income Support, JSA, Employment and Support Allowance or Pension Credit Guarantee.

It is important to claim without delay, even if you think you will find work quickly. It may take longer than you expect. Registering with Jobcentre Plus promptly will ensure you receive all you are entitled to and also help you with getting back into work. To ensure you are paid the correct amount, remember to tell all the offices that pay your benefits and tax credits if you stop work or reduce your hours.

You can get a free benefits check or further information from Greenwich's Welfare Rights team on 020 8921 6375 (or

textphone 18001 020 8921 6375).

You can also visit Greenwich Council's website for a step-by-step guide summarising the main sources of help available to you if you stop full-time work or reduce your hours. There is also information about other services including help managing your money.

You can also contact the Welfare Rights Team using an online enquiry form and do an online search for other advice services in the borough. Visit www.greenwich.gov.uk/redundancy

You can also contact: ● **Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (ACAS)** - For advice and guidance on legal issues related to redundancy. Call 08457 47 47 47 or visit www.acas.org.uk

● **Redundancy Payments Helpline** - Tel: 0845 145 0004 National helpline providing advice and information on all aspects of redundancy entitlement. National Debtline - national organisation providing advice about money matters. Call 0808 808 4000 or visit www.nationaldebtline.co.uk

● **Direct.gov** Government website providing information and online services for the public, in one place - visit www.direct.gov.uk

● **Community Legal Advice** - Tel: 0845 345 4 345 National helpline providing free, confidential, independent legal advice. A range of leaflets and factsheets are also available - visit www.communitylegaladvice.org.uk

Park planners

Greenwich youth help make plans for Olympic site

by Dick Townsend-Smith

FOUR young people from Greenwich will be helping to shape the future of the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

They have just been recruited to the 2011 Legacy Youth Panel, and they'll be working alongside the Olympic Park Legacy Company to develop long-term plans.

The four are among 30 young people from the six Host Olympic Boroughs who have been selected to offer innovative and fresh ideas into what should be created for the park's future.

The Legacy Youth Panel was set up three years ago and is made up of young people aged 14 to 19 from the Olympic host boroughs. The new panel members from Greenwich joined the existing members to form a panel of more than 60 young people. They act as ambassadors and explain their work to hundreds of other schoolchildren across the capital. The new Greenwich recruits are 17-year-olds Zosia Eyres and Tommy Pullen,



PLANNING THE FUTURE: new Youth Panel members Tommy, Zosia, Henry and Tarun explore the park themselves

plus Tarun Knapp, 15, who goes to Plumstead Manor School, and Henry Byrne, 18, who is studying for A-levels. They will be working with the Legacy Company to market the development of new neighbourhoods on the park, reviewing visitor attractions across London to understand their relationships with local communities, and working with other teams to forecast business and employment opportunities and plan events and attractions in the park from 2013. They will also host seminars and workshops to explain the 25-year legacy to other young people and the

opportunities it will bring locally.

Zosia said: "Working on the Youth Panel has given me the chance to meet a wide variety of interesting people and I have been able to work together with them to contribute to a better future for our collective boroughs. I really feel like we are making a difference. Knowing that you have changed something to benefit others is one of the best feelings you can have."

Tommy said: "Young people now have the chance to make a real impact on their future. That excites me, and it's thanks to the Legacy Youth Panel that

I can do this." Andrew Altman, chief executive of the Olympic Park Legacy Company, said: "We want young people to feel a sense of ownership towards the future Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park because they are the generation whose lives will change the most, through the provision of new homes, schools, community and sporting venues."

Cllr John Fahy, Greenwich Council's cabinet member for Culture and the Olympics, said: "It's great news that more young people from our borough will be playing an important role in making key decisions for the future. I wish them every success."

● **Hundreds of people have suggested names for five new neighbourhoods that will be built on the future Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park after the 2012 Games. It's part of the 'Your Park, Your Place' competition launched by the Olympic Park Legacy Company which is offering a tour of the park as a prize. People have until tomorrow, Wednesday May 18 to submit their name suggestions and the reasons behind them. Visit www.legacycompany.co.uk**

Paralympic sports for children to try

A FOUR-DAY Paralympics Sports Camp is being held at the Waterfront Leisure Centre in Woolwich from May 31 to June 3. It will be run by the award-winning South London Special League (SLSL) and sponsored by Capital Radio's Help a London Child.

The four sports involved will be New Age Kurling, Table Cricket, Powerchair Football and Boccia. SLSL project manager Sharon Brokenshire told GT: "It's a chance to inspire young people to make the first move towards joining this great movement."

The camp will run from 10am-noon and 1pm to 3pm.

Further details from Sharon on 07515 539825 or go to specialleague@aol.com

Childcare course for young parents

A NEW childcare course for young parents and parents-to-be starts later this month.

The 10-week parenting course runs from May 26 to July 29 on Thursdays and Fridays from 10am to 2.15pm at The Point, the young people's one stop shop in Woolwich New Road. The course is being run in association with Greenwich Community College and is accredited by Edexcel giving young people the chance to progress onto a Health and Social Care or Childcare course. Lunch will be provided, however travel is not included. Free funded child care provision can be arranged for the course, call Louise Tomlins at Greenwich Family Information centre on 020-8921 2876 or 07958 514 147. Course information and applications on 020-8921 8224 or 8267.

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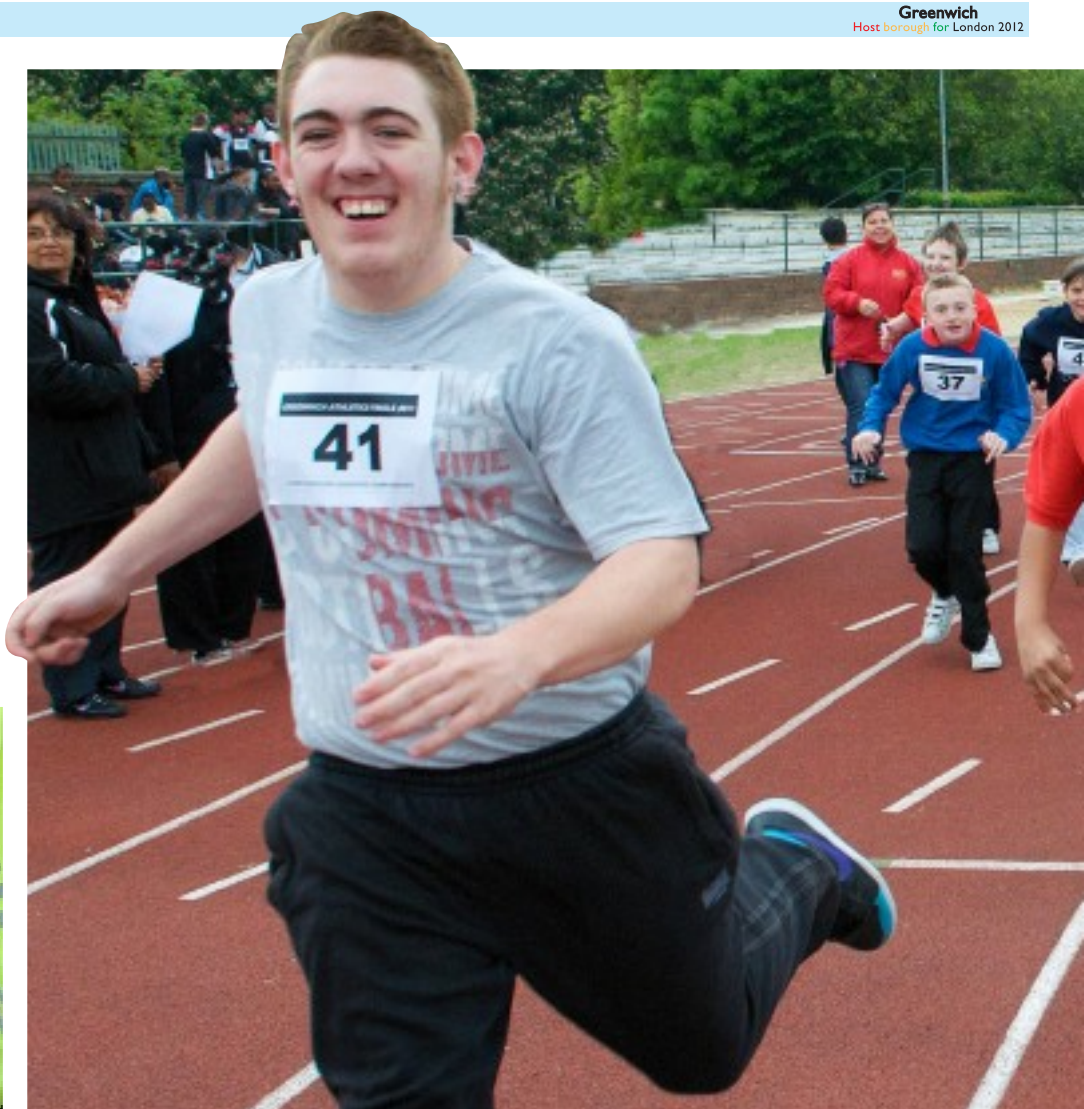
The Hyde Group
Making a lasting difference

EXCITEMENT is building all over Greenwich for next month's London Youth Games disability athletics at Mile End Stadium - not least among the 11 to 19-year-olds in the Greenwich team.

GT was invited to a real 'first' when Greenwich hosted a mini-Paralympic event for the host boroughs at Sutcliffe Park...



THROWING FOR ALL THEY ARE WORTH: two Greenwich competitors are all concentration as they do their best for the borough



Game an

Thrills and skills galore as Gree

by Pat Greenwood

SCORES of London's young people got a unique chance to prove they're on the right track with their sports training earlier this month.

Sutcliffe Park athletics stadium, Eltham, hosted the first Disability Championships for promising stars from the five Olympic host boroughs, complete with one of the borough's most experienced on-your-marks starters and plenty of moral support from a local javelin-throwing ace who is hopeful of selection for the 2016 Games in Rio.

The day run by Greenwich Council and its sporting partners attracted excited athletes aged 11 to 19 from across the capital, including a dozen from Charlton School in Charlton Park Road.

Their coach and Greenwich team manager, Melissa Catchpole, and Charlton School's

head of PE, Debbie Reid, have high hopes that some of them will shine at the London Youth Games at Mile End Stadium on June 15.

At last year's Games, the school took a first in the 200 metres for contenders with severe learning difficulties, as well as trophies in the long jump, shot-put and javelin.

Training within the Charlton squad for this year's Games has become fierce and focused since February when Melissa set up a special after-school academy on Tuesday nights. The young people welcome any teenager with disabilities from across the borough to join them.

Contenders at the Disability Championships included Nasreen, who originally got her

enthusiasm for height bean-bag throwing at her primary school, Willow Dene, in Plumstead. Now the 11-year-old from Woolwich also enjoys shot-put and javelin.

She told GT: "I've never been on a track before today. We normally use our PE hall at Charlton School and we put cones down. I'm excited. This is so different!"

GT caught up with her fellow pupil Derren, 11, from Charlton, as he came second in a 100 metres race.

He said: "It's my first time on a track like this - and I knew I had to go straight! Now I feel good, I feel happy."

Experienced Cambridge Harrier Dave Maynard, who's been a "starter" - complete with pistol - for the last 40 years, gave extra authenticity to the exciting



THE TRIUMPH, THE TEACHING AND THE EFFORT: three pictures that sum up the wonderful day of inter-borough athletics at Sutcliffe Park

able!

Greenwich hosts mini-Paralympics

sports meeting.

Dave, a retired engineering model-maker, who has been with the Harriers for 62 years, told us: "We don't treat these young people any differently from anyone else. They are athletes who just happen to have a disability."

One of the members of GLL's coaching and events-team is 2016 Rio Games javelin hopeful, Craig Lacy.

Craig, 19, from Lee, a former pupil of Middle Park primary school and the old Eltham Green secondary school nearby, was helping the young people to get the most from their day.

He told GT: "You don't have to compete at Crystal Palace to become a track star! You can come to a local venue like this

one. I remember I first came down here to run when I was about eight or nine."

Cllr John Fahy, the council's cabinet member for culture and Olympics, said: "I welcome the notion of the six host boroughs getting together in one borough to provide what are real opportunities for young people with disabilities to participate in sporting achievement."

Cllr Fahy, who had spent some time the week before supporting a 15-strong Greenwich squad at the Time to Shine championships in Stoke Mandeville, Buckinghamshire, added: "Facilities here at Sutcliffe Park are excellent, and this is all about creating a level playing-field where, regardless of disability, everyone has an opportunity to join in."

"That's what we at Greenwich, along with the other host

boroughs, want to achieve as part of our Olympic legacy - and you can see how excited everyone is here today."

Mik Courtney, GLL track manager at Sutcliffe Park, said: "This is one of a total of 145 events already booked until the end of September."

"This venue has been specifically designed to accommodate all kinds of different groups. Everything is accessible from registration onwards, including the toilet, the kitchen, and the track itself."

"We just want more people to know we are here!"

● Greenwich finished second in the competition with 617 points, just seven behind winners Newham. Newham B came third (586), Newham C fourth (410) and Hackney fifth (147).



GreenwichHomes

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Edition 236

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Band

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How do I apply?

Get on the list

First, you've got to be on the housing waiting list to join the scheme. If you're not, get an application form by phoning the Access and Allocations Section on 020 8921 2941. Or pick up a form from any neighbourhood office.

Find your applicant number

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- Via the Council's website

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phn Rad C/H Max 2 chn
any age 1 alloc pkg No dogs
£123.81 pw Bands A&B



L&Q Housing Trust

Ref Number: 71454
Elmdene Rd SE18
1 Bed Grnd Flr Flat
Entry phn Rad C/H
No Dogs
£76.64 pw Bands A&B



L&Q Housing Trust

Ref Number: 72148
Claremont Str SE10
2 Bed 2nd Flr Flat
Lifted Entry phn
Rad C/H No dogs
£131.77 pw Bands A&B



L&Q Housing Trust

Ref Number: 95834
Tuscan Rd SE18
2 Bed 1st Flr Flat Unlifted
Ent phn Rad C/H No dogs
£95.54 pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 126398
Woodland Gr SE10
1 Bed 1st Flr Flat
Lifted Comm G/H
£100.90 pw Bands A&B



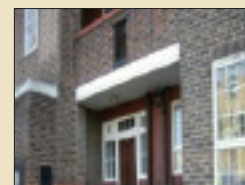
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2 Bed Grnd Flr Flat Gdn
Rad C/H No Pkg
£89.92 pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 127828
**Rockfield Hse
Welland St SE10**
1 Bed 3rd Flr Flat
Lifted Entry phn
Rad C/H
£93.08 pw Bands A&B



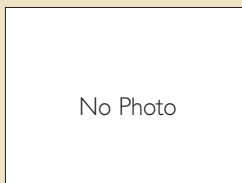
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Gorman Road SE18
1 Bed Grnd Flr Flat
Entry phn No Pkg
Combi Boiler & IRad
£72.51 pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 128491
**Aylmer Hse
Eastney St SE10**
1 Bed Grd Flr Flat
Comm G/H
£105.47 pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 128572
Frances St SE18
2 Bed 2nd Flr Mais
Unlifted Rad C/H
£86.91 pw Bands A&B

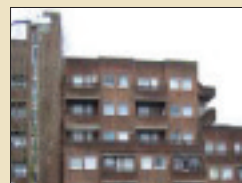


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Ref Number: 129580
Morden Rd SE3
2 Bed Grd Flr Flat
Entry phn Rad C/H
No Pkg
£94.28 pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 130105
Blann Cl SE9
1 Bed Grnd Flr Flat
Entry phn Rad C/H
No Pkg
£84.62 pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 130106
**Ruegg Hse Woolwich
Comm SE18**
1 Bed 3rd Flr Flat
Lifted Entry phn
Comm G/H
£86.94 pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 130296
Dabin Cres SE10
Bedsit 1st Flr Flat
Unlifted Entry phn
Rad C/H
£78.50 pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 130589
Dabin Cres SE10
2 Bed 3rd Flr Flat
Unlifted Entry phn
Rad C/H
£95.36 pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 130801
Reeves Road SE18
1 Bed 1st Floor Flat
Lifted Entry phn
Rad C/H No Pkg
£81.90 pw Bands A&B



L&Q Housing Trust

Ref Number: 123890
**Hatfield Hse
Merryweather Plc SE10**
1 Bed 3rd Flr Flat Lifted
Ent phn No dogs Rad C/H
Pref to Med L/A show
£94.44 pw Bands A&B



Ref Number: 127747
St Mary Street SE18
2 Bed Grnd Flr Mais
Entry phn Rad C/H
Pref to Med L/Acc shw
£86.74 pw Bands A&B

Hatfield House

London SE10 8EW

The following
restrictions apply:

1. No Pets/Dogs/Cats
2. No Parking
3. Rent figure does NOT include service charges
4. Communal G/H
5. Lifted/Entry Phn

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GreenwichHome
adverts are
included in
every issue.

Choice hotline 020 8921 4340

GreenwichHomes

Greenwich Council's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

Anyone on the housing list can apply for these



Charlton Triangle Homes

Ref Number: 93446
Valiant Hse Valley Gr SE7
1 Bed 3rd Flr Flat
Lifted Ent phn No dogs
Rad C/H lalloc pkg space
£110.94 pw Band C



Ref Number: 129321
Lord Warwick St SE18
Bedsit 2nd Flr Flat
Unlifted Entry phn
Rad C/H No Pkg
£68.45 pw Band C



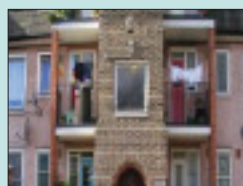
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Dabin Cres SE10
Bedsit 1st Flr Flat
Unlifted Entry phn
Rad C/H
£78.50 pw Band C



Ref Number: 130522
Frances St SE18
2 Bed 2nd Flr Flat
Unlifted Entry phn
Rad C/H No Pkg
Min 1 child any age
£85.55 pw Band C



Ref Number: 130788
Griffiths Hse Mayplace La SE18
2 Bed 3rd Flr Flat
Lifted Entry phn
Rad C/H Min 1 chn any age
£89.28 pw Band C

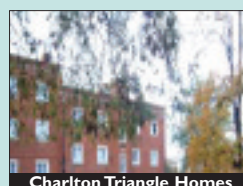


Ref Number: 131052
Barnfield Gds SE18
3 Bed 1st Flr Flat
Unlifted Entry phn
Rad C/H
Min 2 chn any age
£95.93 pw Band C

Rsl allocations policy applies to **Housing Association** properties

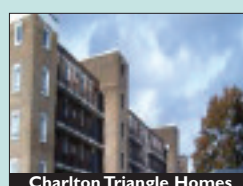
Important Notice

Please note the closing date to register your bids for advertised properties will be **every Sunday at midnight.**



Charlton Triangle Homes

Ref Number: 131380
Harold Gibbons Ct Victoria Way SE7
3 Bed 3rd Flr Flat
Unlifted Ent phn No Dogs
Rad C/H Max 2 chn any age
£118.14 pw Band C



Charlton Triangle Homes

Ref Number: 131381
Fairlawn Ct SE7
2 Bed Grd Flr Flat
Ent phn No dogs
Rad C./H lalloc pkg space
£109.16 pw Band C



Ref Number: 128493
Dursley Rd SE3
Bedsit Bungalow Gdn
Gas Fire Only
£73.71 pw Band C



Ref Number: 129078
Sowerby Close SE9
1 Bed 2nd Floor Flat
Entry phone Lifted
Radiator Central Heating
No Parking
£ 84.21 Band C



Ref Number: 129260
Tom Smith Ct SE10
1 Bed 1st Flr Flat
Lifted Ent phn Comm
G/H L/Acc shw
£101.07 pw Bands C

Small is beautiful – the Under Occupation scheme

If you are living in a Council property that is too big for you, we can help you to move to somewhere smaller. The Council will pay your removal costs, and £350 for each bedroom gained.

To join the scheme you must be willing to move to a home with two bedrooms less than you have now:

- 3 bedroom to a 1 bedroom home
- 3 bedroom parlour/4 bedroom to a 1 or 2 bedroom home
- 5 bedroom to a 3 bedroom (or smaller) home

For more information contact the

Project Team on

020 8921 2671

textphone: 020 8921

2996/2657

Sheltered Housing

If you are 55 or over then you may consider sheltered housing provided by the Council or housing association. Sheltered blocks have a Scheme Manager on hand to provide help and support if needed. Sheltered housing is a good option for older people who can live independently, but would feel more secure within this environment.

Only applicants over 50+ can apply

Choice hotline 020 8921 4340

GreenwichHomes

Greenwich Council's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

Sheltered / Retirement Housing

Sheltered Housing provides independence in a secure and friendly environment. Each Sheltered Scheme has a Scheme Manager who is the main source of support. There is 24 hour cover from the Telecare Service. The age criteria is over 60 years, but we can consider people over 55 years with a support need. If you are interested in Sheltered housing please ring **0208 921 2941**. All applications are subject to a Sheltered Housing Assessment.



Our current vacancies include;
(several of which are ready for immediate letting)

One Person Properties

Littleheath, Charlton, SE7, 2nd floor, Studio Flat.

Sam Manners House, Greenwich, SE10, 1st Floor Studio Flat.

Strand Court, Plumstead, SE18, 1ST Floor Studio Flat.

Wentworth House, Blackheath, London, SE3, 1ST Floor Studio Flat.

Two Person Properties

Beacham Close, Charlton SE7, 1 Bed 2 person 1st floor Flat.

Eltham Road, Lee SE12, 1 Bed 2 person ground floor Flat.

Garnett Close, Eltham SE9 1 Bed 2 person, 2nd floor Flat.

Langton way, Blackheath SE3, 3Bed ground floor Flat.

Mandela House, Plumstead Common SE18, 1 Bed 2 person ground floor Flat.

All the above properties are lifted.

This is what happened to the homes advertised in issue 233

Address	Bed-rooms	Property Type	No of Bids	Reg date of successful app	Band
Pettacre Close SE28 0GX	2	FLAT	20	21/04/2011	B
Gallions View Road SE28 0DD	1	FLAT	178	18/05/2006	C
Blaker Court Fairlawn SE7 7ER	2	FLAT		withdrawn	
Beaconsfield Road SE3 7LG	1	FLAT	229	11/07/2004	C
Casterbridge Road SE3 9AH	2	FLAT	25	21/02/2011	B
The Limes Congleton Grove SE18 7HW	1	FLAT	258	24/04/2007	C
Richmond Place SE18 7EQ	2	HOUSE	371	31/08/2006	C
Villas Road SE18 7PP	3	MAISONETTE		To be allocated	
Knee Hill Crescent SE2 0YN	2	MAISONETTE	197	10/12/2007	C
Gildersome Street SE18 4EZ	2	MAISONETTE		To be allocated	
Kingsman Street SE18 5QF	2	MAISONETTE	17	01/05/2010	B
Marble House Felspar Close SE18 1LN	2	FLAT	148	22/09/2009	C
Elliston House Wellington Street SE18 6QF	1	FLAT	224	18/01/2006	C
Samuel Street SE18 5LE	2	FLAT	183	10/06/2009	C
Gossage Road SE18 1NQ	2	FLAT	10	27/06/1977	A
Eynsham Drive SE2 9QX	0	FLAT	115	25/04/2008	C
Biddulph House Rideout Street SE18 5EU	3	FLAT	18	06/05/2010	B
Burrage Road SE18 7LN	1	FLAT	52	10/04/1995	A
Nightingale Vale SE18 4HL	2	FLAT	6	10/09/2001	A
Passfield House Plumstead Road SE18 7DX	1	FLAT	304	31/08/2006	C
Mill Court Titmuss Avenue SE28 8BX	1	FLAT	121	20/01/2009	C
Campbell Close SE18 3RX	2	FLAT	18	29/10/2010	B
Westerdale Road SE10 0LW	3	FLAT	47	01/07/2008	A
Edge Hill SE18 3TQ	1	FLAT		To be allocated	
Nightingale Vale SE18 4HN	3	MAISONETTE	11	22/01/2004	A
Shrubsall Close SE9 5QT	1	FLAT	167	15/03/2006	C
105 Blaker Court Fairlawn SE7 7ET	3	FLAT	145	08/11/2005	C
403 Harold Wilson House Amott Close SE28 8BD	1	FLAT	85	11/05/2009	C
Keightley Drive SE9 2HL	2	MAISONETTE		No elig bids	
Cherry Tree Court Cherry Orchard Estate SE7 7DX	3	FLAT	160	16/04/2007	C
Clothworkers Road Plumstead SE18 2PD	3	HOUSE	83	05/03/2001	A
Cantwell Road SE18 3LW	0	FLAT	82	10/05/2001	C

Mutual Exchange

Swapping your home

Council and Housing Association Tenants can exchange their property with another tenant. From April 2006 applicants who have registered for a mutual exchange will be able to find suitable swaps through the Greenwich Homes website **www.greenwich.gov.uk/homes**. For more information about this scheme contact the

Allocations Team on

020 8921 2941

Borough
BRIEFSWildlife oasis
open to public

AN environment centre for pupils opens to the public this weekend. The Environment Curriculum Service is an educational resource centre for children and young people, which only opens its gates to the public once a year. There's free entry this Saturday, May 21, from 10am to 4pm. It's a chance for locals to explore the nine-acre wildlife oasis, take part in arts and crafts activities and buy crafts and produce. Refreshments will be available but you can bring a picnic to enjoy in the grounds. The centre is located at 77 Bexley Road, Eltham, SE9 2PE (next to Gravel Pit Lane). Further information on 020-8850 2615 or email environment@widehorizons.org.uk

Spring into
summer free
guided walks

LOCALS can join in four free guided walks starting in Greenwich over the next Bank Holiday weekend, May 28&29. They're part of the 'Spring into Summer Walking Weekend', a series of free walks organised by Walk London. The initiative is funded by Transport for London which aims to encourage people to walk more in the city. The campaign has worked with the London boroughs to organise 50 walks across the capital from historic walks in the city to rural rambles in the outer London boroughs. They feature four walks starting in Greenwich and five routes to the new Olympic Park.

• Details of walks, times and starting points are available on the Walk London website, which also has downloadable maps of walks you can follow in your own time. Visit www.walklondon.org.uk

LONDON BOROUGH OF GREENWICH
The Greenwich (Waiting and Loading
Restriction) (Amendment No. 42) Order
2011

- NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Greenwich Borough Council on 13th May 2011 made the above-mentioned Order under sections 6 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended. The Order will come into operation on 18th May 2011.
- The general effect of the Order will be to:
 - introduce double yellow line "at any time" waiting restrictions on:
 - both sides of Battery Road between its junctions with Merbury Road and Western Way (not including the existing bus stop clearway);
 - both sides of Delisle Road, for 10 metres north-east of its junction with Merbury Road;
 - Merbury Road:
 - the north-east side, between its junctions with Delisle Road and Battery Road;
 - the south-west side, from a point 41 metres south-east of its junction with Delisle Road and its junction with Battery Road; and
 - both sides of the Western Way Slip Road linking Battery Road and the north-eastbound carriageway of Western Way (not including the existing bus stop clearway);
 - remove the double yellow line "at any time" waiting restrictions from the following lengths of Goldfinch Road:
 - the west side, from the footpath leading to Fishermen's Walk southward for 33.5 metres, and from its junction with Gallions New Road southward for 56 metres to its junction with the cul-de-sac arm of Goldfinch Road; and
 - the east side, from 10 metres south of Gallions New Road southward for 37 metres;
 - remove all waiting restrictions from the cul-de-sac arm of Goldfinch Road; and
 - make minor amendments to the way in which the lengths of the existing waiting restrictions in Cheselwood Walk and Gaudier Street, and the existing loading restrictions in Blauert Street are described, without material change to those lengths.
- Further information may be obtained by telephoning Strategic Transportation on 020 8921 6024.
- The Order and other documents giving more detailed particulars of the Order are available for inspection during normal office hours until the end of six weeks from the date on which the Order was made at the Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise and Skills, Strategic Transportation, Greenwich Council, Crown Building, 48 Woolwich New Road, SE18 6HQ.
- If any person wishes to question the validity of the Order or of any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or that any requirement of that Act or of any instrument made under that Act has not been complied with, that person may, within six weeks from the date on which the Order was made, apply for that purpose to the High Court.

Assistant Director, Strategic Transportation
Crown Building,
48 Woolwich New Road,
SE18 6HQ
Dated 17th May 2011
(INTERNAL REF: 161 PARKING)

Greenwich
Council

APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF
PREMISES LICENCE
LICENSING ACT 2003

Notice is given that MRS RAINA KAYASTHA has applied to Greenwich Council for a GRANT of Premises licence for the following premises:

KITCHEN EAT NEPALESE RESTAURANT
56-58 PLUMSTEAD HIGH STREET
LONDON
SE18 1SL

A record of this application may be inspected by appointment at: Trading Standards Department, Riverside House, Woolwich High Street, London SE18 6DN (Telephone number 020 8921 8018)

Interested parties may make representations to the Council on this application by no later than 23RD MAY 2011. All representations must be made in writing. Representations can only be made on the grounds of one of the four licensing objectives, namely:

- Protection of children from harm
- Public nuisance
- Prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety

Under section 158 of the licensing act 2003, it is an offence liable on summary conviction to a fine up to £5,000, knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in or in connection with an application.

It is proposed that the following licensable activities will take place at the premises:

SALE OF ALCOHOL FROM THE PREMISES
SUNDAY - WED 1100 - 2300
THURS - SAT 1100 - 2400

LONDON BOROUGH OF GREENWICH
The Greenwich (Free Parking Places)
(Disabled Persons) (Amendment No. 30)
Order 2011
The Greenwich (Abbey Wood) (Parking
Places) (Amendment No. 3) Order 2011

- NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Greenwich Borough Council on 13th May 2011 made the above-mentioned Orders under sections 6, 45, 46, 49 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended. The Orders will come into operation on 18th May 2011.
- The general effect of the Orders will be to create disabled persons' parking places of 6 metres in length in which vehicles displaying a valid disabled person's "Blue Badge" may be left at any time, without charge and without time limit, at the following locations:
 - outside No. 197 Birkdale Road;
 - outside No. 26 Bradrick Grove;
 - outside Nos. 174 and 176 Church Manorway (Abbey Wood);
 - outside Nos. 212 and 214 Church Manorway (Abbey Wood);
 - adjacent to Nos. 25/27 Free Hill Crescent (the existing Abbey Wood Controlled Parking Zone ("WV") permit holders' parking place at this location will be shortened to 5 metres);
 - opposite Nos. 19 and 29 Orissa Road; and
 - outside No. 15 St Margaret's Grove.
- Further information may be obtained by telephoning Strategic Transportation on 020 8921 6024.
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48 Woolwich New Road,
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Dated 17th May 2011
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Greenwich
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WOODHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL
WOODHILL, SE18 5JE
TEL : 020 8854 5055

Curriculum Leader
with responsibility for
Numeracy
Salary: Main Scale
(Inner London
Allowance) + TLR2b
Start date:
September 2011

Woodhill Primary School is seeking to appoint a motivated and inspirational teacher with a proven track record in raising standards and inspiring and leading others. The teaching responsibility of the successful candidate will be decided according to the strengths and expertise they can bring to our team. As one of the top 50 most improved schools in London (2008-2010), Woodhill, is committed to continuing to improve outcomes for the children we serve and we place a strong emphasis on CPD and opportunities to develop strong leadership skills.

Applications available from 09.05.11.

Contact Mrs A Joyce on 020 8854 5055

Closing date: 20.05.11

LONDON BOROUGH OF GREENWICH
Changes to Parking Charges in Eltham Centre and Greenwich Town Centre Controlled
Parking Zones and Withdrawal of 5p and 10p Coin Acceptance at Parking Meters and
Pay & Display Machines in Greenwich Town Centre Controlled Parking Zone

- NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Greenwich Borough Council, under section 46A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and in accordance with section 25 of the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996, intends to increase the charges that apply:
 - at the shared-use Pay & Display parking places in the Eltham Centre ("EC") Controlled Parking Zone; and
 - at the parking meters and Pay & Display parking places in the Greenwich Town Centre ("G") Controlled Parking Zone,
 all as indicated in the Schedule to this Notice.
- The charge increases detailed in the Schedule to this Notice will come into operation on 18th June 2011.
- FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council intends to withdraw the facility at parking meters and Pay & Display machines which allows payment of the parking charge using 5 pence and 10 pence coins. These two denominations will no longer be accepted from 18th June 2011.

Assistant Director, Strategic Transportation
Crown Building,
48 Woolwich New Road,
SE18 6HQ
Dated 17th May 2011
(INTERNAL REF: 161 PARKING)

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SCHEDULE

The following abbreviations are used in the tables below:
(a) "mins" - minutes; and
(b) "P&D" - "Pay & Display" parking places.

Eltham Centre Controlled Parking Zone ("EC")		
Type of Parking Place	Current Charge Rate	New Charge Rate
2 hour shared-use P&D / permit	80p per hour	£1.60 per hour

Greenwich Town Centre Controlled Parking Zone ("G")		
Type of Parking Place	Current Charge	New Charge
30 minute parking meters	£1.10 for 30 mins	£1.20 for 30 mins
1 hour P&D	£1.80 per hour	£2.40 per hour
2 hour parking meters	£1.80 per hour	£2.40 per hour
4 hour parking meters and P&D	£1.80 per hour	£2.40 per hour

LONDON BOROUGH OF GREENWICH
The Greenwich (Free Parking Places)
(Disabled Persons) (Amendment No. 29)
Order 2011
The Greenwich (New Eltham) (Parking
Places) (No. 2) (Amendment No. 6) Order
2011

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- The general effect of the Orders will be to create disabled persons' parking places in which vehicles displaying a valid disabled person's "Blue Badge" may be left at any time, without charge and without time limit, at the following locations:
 - outside No. 35 Alderwood Road (the parking place will be situated perpendicular to the kerb-line and will measure 5 metres long and 2.5 metres wide);
 - outside No. 9 Garsfield Road (6.6 metres of existing New Eltham Controlled Parking Zone ("W") permit holders' parking will be removed at this location); and
 - outside Nos. 1 and 3 Woodcote (6.6 metres in length).
- Further information may be obtained by telephoning Strategic Transportation on 020 8921 5580.
- The Orders and other documents giving more detailed particulars of the Orders are available for inspection during normal office hours until the end of six weeks from the date on which the Orders were made at the Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise and Skills, Strategic Transportation, Greenwich Council, Crown Building, 48 Woolwich New Road, SE18 6HQ.
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Crown Building,
48 Woolwich New Road,
SE18 6HQ
Dated 17th May 2011
(INTERNAL REF: 161 PARKING
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SCENE

At r'flicks

Pirates arrrh finally here

- P20



Film

The number of the beats

- P20



Hit for six!

Music and sport combine at the **Soccer Six** football tournament where celebs play on the field and local youngsters play on the decks



SHAYNE WARD, Danny Dyer, N-DUBZ and Blue are among the celebrities taking part in this year's

Soccer Six tournament.

The annual event is on at the Valley on May 30, and X Factor singer Ward has confirmed his place amongst soapstars from Eastenders and Corrie, actors from Skins, as well as a gaggle of other musicians.

Ward will be hoping to follow in the footsteps of last year's winner, Jeff Brazier's X Factor team which saw off competition in 2010 from The Wanted, McFly, Flawless, The Hoosiers and The Sun - who had Lethal Bizzle, Tinchy Stryder and Olly Murs in their side.

Shayne's part of the newspaper's team this time around, and takes to the field at the Charlton ground on Bank Holiday Monday.

The tournament has taken place every year since 1995 to raise money for The Samaritans.

Taking care of entertainment in the VIP lounge are DJs and charity workers, Wayne Eldridge and Mete Alpsakary. Their charity is One Life, and they have been responsible for Dance Aid events to raise cash for local kids and DJing courses for hard-to-reach youngsters.

Now they're taking to the decks in the lounge at the Valley to entertain Danny Dyer and Co and teach young people how to DJ at the same time. Wayne told *Scene*: "Our stage is in there blasting out music for all the celebs and it's like a party atmosphere."

"What we started to do last year was take one of our 'academies' in there, so at one side of the room we set up another set of decks and we'll teach all the kids in there how to DJ, and the celebs will come over and DJ with the kids as well."

"We had the Hoosiers and



SIX OF THE BEST: teams line up at the Valley in last year's contest, above. Above right, a young lad gets a DJ lesson, and right, organisers Wayne (D) and Mete

three young guys from Woolwich all DJing at the same time last year - as you can imagine they were absolutely made up."

As well as the proceeds that go to the Samaritans, a cut of the VIP tickets sold goes to One Life.

Mete added: "We feel quite privileged to be a small charity who have gone in with a big charity, we have built up a good relationship with Soccer Six over the last three years, and this year we have asked them to make a contribution through ticket sales. "For every VIP ticket we sell, £3 goes to our charity."

Wayne and Mete have sold almost all the tickets for the VIP arena, bagging them £1500 to go towards new classroom facilities so that they can give a chance to those teens who are hardest to reach. It's a chance for Wayne and Mete to get exposure and grow what they do in the community and they're looking to get their programme at more events.

Mete added: "The general idea is that if there's a do going on, we've got the soundsystem, we've got cameras, we've got DJs. We can come in and help out with these events and whoever's doing these events can help get these courses into communities."

The pair have set up 20 facilities in schools, community centres and football clubs over the south and east of London, which give some of the most troubled young people the chance to build confidence and street-cred over the free six-week music course.

At present the pair fundraise for the money to pay the DJ tutors at their portable classrooms where the courses take place.

Wayne and Mete even got to meet the Prime Minister last year to discuss their scheme which they hope will grow and grow, and they are also



keen to hear from businesses who may want to be involved in the scheme.

Rod Kitson

Soccer Six tickets are available from Charlton Athletic on 0871 226 1905 or at the box office.

Adults £12, £8 children under 12 and £40 for a family ticket of 2 adults + 3 children (under 12y/o). VIP tickets £25

More info on One Life and the DJ courses visit www.onelifeuk.org or call Wayne on 07946 077105

Creative display

Arts festival back at Barn



THE Tudor Barn's Creative Arts Festival returns for a second year next month.

Creatives from the borough and south east London will be showcasing their talents at the venue on Well Hall Road in Eltham from Friday 24 to Sunday 26 June. Events over the weekend include a fashion show, live music, workshops, demonstrations, theatre, children's activities and a static display of local artists' work.

It's a family friendly fest with plenty of hands-on activities for young children and adults, with Sunday a designated family day.

Moat Island at the Pleasaunce becomes a pop-up gallery space, and Second Floor Studios & Arts and Greenwich Community College will each curate a pavilion whilst Greenwich Council has funded a pavilion for the use independent artists.

On Sunday a program of live events takes place culminating in a piano recital by Russian pianist and Greenwich resident, Evgeny Samoyloff in the Tudor Barn.

There are still places available for artists, and anyone interested in exhibiting or having a stall at the event should contact Tudor Barn Eltham on 0845 459 2351 or at <http://tinyurl.com/668dcpk>.

June 24-26, 11-5pm, + evening events. FREE entry, some activities cost.

History matters

GREENWICH Industrial History Society is holding talks on a variety of subjects over the coming months.

On June 14 professor Dave Perrett will introduce a seminar called Days at the Factories, and on July 19 Rich Sylvester's talk is called Making the East Greenwich Map. And on September 20 Elliott Automation is the subject talked about by Ron Bristow. All meetings are held at The Old Bakehouse, Bennett Park, SE3, in the back of the Age Exchange Shop opposite Blackheath Station. Meetings start at 7.30 and non-members are charged £1. For more info email marymillsmmmm@aol.com.

Classical masterpieces

Four seasons in one day



A BAROQUE concert to raise money for dementia sufferers is on at Eltham Parish Church this weekend.

Zadok the Priest and the Hallelujah Chorus perform Handel's greatest hits, while 'Gloria' brings the strains of Vivaldi and his Four Seasons to the church on Eltham High Street this Saturday, (May 21).

Tickets are £10 and are available on the door or at Norman's Music, 23 Well Hall Road (020 8850 6353). Proceeds go to Dementia UK, and the concert starts at 7.30pm.

FINAL SCENE

Arrrrh rated

Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides is out in cinemas this week, putting Greenwich on the big screen worldwide



SHIPWRECKED: Johnny Depp as Captain Jack Sparrow

THERE'S something about flawed characters that we can't get enough of in Britain. If it's not Ricky Gervais' toe-curling office buffoon David Brent, it's Basil Fawlty's neurosis in Fawlty Towers or Leonard Rossiter's delusions of grandeur as Reggie Perrin.

At their hearts they share an endearing wholesomeness which inevitably shines through in the end, but they are not always characters that translate well onto the big screen.

And though he may be from the side of the pond more comfortable loving the alpha male-style lead man, Johnny Depp's Captain Jack Sparrow is actually a character cut from a similar cloth.

It's perhaps no surprise - Depp is a renowned Anglophile who famously based his swashbuckling creation on craggy rock star Keith Richards' flaky demeanour, and the Rolling Stone was even invited into the fold as Jack's old man. The crinkly rocker returns for a brief cameo in the fourth instalment of the series, *Pirates Of The Caribbean: On Stranger Tides*, much of which was filmed right here in Greenwich.

It's a brief appearance in a film which barely pauses for breath and what might easily have been a cynical cash-in on a successful franchise.

But far from creating a washed-out damp squib, director Rob Marshall has pulled off the best Pirates since the first aired nearly a decade ago.

While many of us might have expected the storyline to be as

flimsy and riddled with holes as the sails of the Black Pearl, a neat patchwork of elements recalling Indiana Jones and Avatar keeps OST leagues above its predecessors, the passable *Dead Man's Chest*, and the formulaic *At World's End*. Sure, the search for the Fountain of Youth was never going to win any prizes for originality, but it's the slick narrative and terrific cast which retains a freshness which belies the movie's position of fourth in the series.

Keeping Keef as the blueprint for all things pirate, Ian McShane steps into the breach as the near-body double of the Stone, though inevitably outclassing him for screen presence as the menacing Captain Blackbeard. Playing his daughter Angelica, Penelope Cruz is a touch more generic, albeit in possession of the Latin temperament that seems so befitting of a pirate. Geoffroy Rush is the standout of the cast however, a mischievous twinkle in his eye so perfect for the role of double (or is it triple) crossing Captain Barbosa. The superb Rush is unrecognisable from his star turn in the King's Speech, but equally impressive in the versatility showcased here.

As we've come to expect - and take for granted in Disney films - there are knowing winks a-plenty for the older members of the audience, and Cap'n Jack seems to acquire better comic timing as he matures, popping up with more one-liners than Tim Vine on this outing. Even the 3D format triumphs. Its usage has been hit and miss over the past decade, but the tryhard kinks of gratuitous visuals

which pandered to the special effect have largely gone. On several occasions the audience flinched as one, most noticeably when burning coals fell from Sparrow's getaway vehicle as it chased along the cobbles at the Old Royal Naval College. Depp's possession of the character is now so total: Sparrow's vanity has been ramped up an extra notch and the flouncy swagger further exaggerated to take in not just Keith Richards, but his bandmate Mick Jagger too. Granted, it's not a serious role - and the comic art is one perennially overlooked. Depp's career has been a mixed bag, and while this may not win him plaudits from the Stanislavskis or the RADAs, it is the character that he will surely be remembered for the most. And of course, the pirate's bumbling buffoonery inadvertently saves the day in the end, despite the efforts of not only Blackbeard, but both the English and Spanish Navies as well.

There might have been a message in here somewhere about the fruitless search for eternal youth, and one which Walt Disney himself would surely have approved had his quest for everlasting life worked out. But frankly, small matters like big messages are of little consequence when swashbuckling is as much fun as this.

Rod Kitson

Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides is released in cinemas on May 18

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Art film (Martial arts, that is)

It's unlucky for some...



THIRTEEN highly trained Samurai warriors pitting themselves against an army of 200. Unacceptable odds, you might think. An arrogant folly, you'd probably think.

In fact, it was the reality of feudal Japan in 1844, where "to value one's life was to die like a dog". *13 Assassins* is the latest offering from prolific Japanese director, Takashi Miike, and a notable addition to the Samurai movie library, while also an homage to Akira Kurosawa's memorable masterpiece, *Seven Samurai*, from 1954. Mid-19th Century Japan is a time of extended peace. The Samurai have grown lazy, their hegemony at an end. But one final task awaits them - the destruction of the ignoble, disrespectful and psychotic Lord Naritsugu (Goro Inagaki) the Shogun's younger brother, whose taste for slaughter knows no bounds.

The ageing but relentlessly-driven Shinzaemon (Koji Yakusjo) begins to gather together and meticulously train a small band of warriors including his dissolute nephew Shinrouko (Takayuki Yamada), the veteran spear thrower, Sahara who demands payment upfront ("to bury my wife and buy luxuries I've never had") and a manic, forest dwelling creature (Yusuke Iseya) with seemingly supernatural powers. Together, they plan to restore the glory of the Shogun, do their duty to the people and, only if successful, honour themselves and their families. The film is of two halves: the first, preparation of the deed and attention to detail. "My logic was shallow", Shinzaemon elegantly admits to his friend, having overlooked a minor flaw in their plan. The second is

the battle, fast furious and technologically spectacular, the bridge blowing scene oddly reminiscent of Sam Peckinpah's, *The Wild Bunch*. The balance of the movie veers dramatically from moments of extreme violence - cattle deliberately set on fire running amok in the town, now a virgin-white kimono splattered pink with fresh, new blood - to scenes of immense beauty and calm - forest cliffs wreathed in early morning mist, the soldiers' shimmering shiny helmets bobbing endlessly up and down.

The battle scenes - arguably the longest in cinematic history - are surprisingly lacking in gore. The images are memorable - from enormous street-closing traps woven out of trees to the detonation and collapse of an entire house. Underlying the whole is an unparalleled sense of honour. Naritsugu's samurai will support his master to the end whatever his personal beliefs about his latter's horrific lifestyle, while Shinzaemon revels in the opportunity of dying a true warrior's death. Miike weaves these complex and disparate threads carefully together towards a stunning and spectacular climax. A truly worthy addition to the genre. 8/10.

Dick Morgan

13 Assassins is out now at cinemas, Certificate: 15

WIN

We have 2 pairs of cinema tickets to The Greenwich Picturehouse to give away. Just answer this question:

Who directed *13 Assassins*?

Comp ends May 25. Email answer, (and your address and phone no.) to competitions@greenwich.gov.uk or send a postcard marked 'Assa Comp' to Woolwich Town Hall, Wellington Street, SE18 6PW

Picture house



Free latest local events sign up for e-alerts at: www.greenwich.gov.uk/ealerts

A helping hand with volunteering

ARE you interested in dedicating some of your spare time to the local community?

June 1 will be the start of national Volunteers Week, and you can find out more about getting involved at various information venues around the borough.

Volunteer Centre Greenwich, at the back of the Forum@Greenwich Community Centre in Trafalgar Road, is co-ordinating the local programme.

It will be officially launched on the Wednesday morning at CJs Cafe, Powis Street, with a "speed volunteering" event - done on the lines of "speed dating" - where visitors can meet different community organisations informally.

The event starts at 10am, and there'll be plenty of information about what voluntary roles are on offer - and how volunteering can benefit you.

There'll be further information at Woolwich Town Hall in Wellington Street during that day too.

On June 2, the information stand moves to the foyer of Charlton's Asda

supermarket in Bugsby's Way from 10am, and, on the Friday, the volunteering promoters will be at The 02 on the Greenwich peninsula.

The volunteers' roadshow moves to Passey Place, Eltham, on Monday, June 6, from 10am.

Volunteers' Week began in 1984 and has grown over the years to become a national celebration. Volunteering is now a widely recognised way for job-seekers to gain experience and for everyone to contribute to their local community.

The variety of volunteering opportunities has also changed over the years from the traditional pop in parlour or charity fundraising to volunteering in administration, overseas, DJing, events management, health promotion, sports and many more. There is now something for everyone, whatever your reason for volunteering might be.

●GET general information by visiting www.volunteerscentregreenwich.org.uk or by emailing info@volunteersgreenwich.co.uk You can also ring them on 020-8853 1331.

London Borough of Greenwich
Notice Of Planning Application.
Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended)
Town & Country Planning (Development Management Procedure)(England) Order 2010
Town & Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 1999 (As Amended)
Article 8 Publicity for Applications for Planning Permission
Notice under Article 8 of an application for planning permission
accompanied by an Environmental Statement

Proposed Development At: Kidbrooke Village Centre (Phase 3), Kidbrooke Masterplan, Kidbrooke Park Road, SE3 Reference Number: 11/1124/F

Notice is hereby given that an application is being made to Greenwich Council By Berkeley Homes (East Thames) Ltd for Full Planning Permission in respect of: Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 960 residential units, together with a 4,430sqm hotel (Use Class C1), 2,937sqm of retail/commercial floorspace (Use Class A1), 1,960sqm of retail/commercial floorspace (Use Class A2/A3), 3,279sqm of community floorspace (Use Class D1), 2,746sqm supermarket (Use Class A1), a 217sqm station, a public square, publicly accessible open space and associated access, car parking, cycle parking, landscaping and servicing.

This application is accompanied by an Environmental Statement... 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Coming home with the cup

by James Morgans

A WOOLWICH football team has been crowned champions of a long-standing cup competition after a spectacular match-winning goal.

The Under-11's Bexley Cup final was a showdown between the Woolwich District and Bexley District teams, and in a tight match, Woolwich held on to a 1-0 scoreline after an early strike by forward Frankie Ryan. The team had reached the final before, but this was the first time they had won the cup competed for by teams from all over the capital. The goal came ten minutes into the game, when Ryan of Ealdham school, lashed a powerful strike past the Bexley keeper. Ten-year-old Ryan's teammate, Oliver Milton had gone to ground, and the resulting free kick lead the only goal of the game in the clash between the rivals.

But after the goal Woolwich failed to capitalise on their early lead, hampered by stout defending from the Bexley boys whose last-ditch tackling kept their team in the game. Woolwich District is made up of players from schools across the borough, which was formerly known as Greenwich District. Manager of the Woolwich team for the past 10 years, Claire Weatherhead, a teacher at Wyborne School, New Eltham said: "It was no more than the team deserved and I am really proud of them. It was a fantastic strike from Frankie and worthy of winning a trophy." Assistant manager Mark Hilton added: "It was a brilliant all-round team performance." The team first played together in October 2010 after being trialled for the team, in which a squad of 20 children was whittled down to 16. Five of the squad have been selected to



TIP-TOP AND UP FOR THE CUP: Players from the Woolwich District team take with their prize

represent London County, the highest level in the league which is run by the English Schools Football Association

(ESFA). The players are Frankie Ryan, William Hegarty, William Ridely, Oliver Milton and Charlie Coe-Nixon.

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Hi-Zoe Silver!

Our girl's medal in the World Youth Championships

by Peter Cordwell

GREENWICH'S teenage weightlifting sensation Zoe Smith soared to even greater heights on Saturday when she won the silver medal in the 63kg weight category at the World Youth Championships in Lima, Peru.

The 17-year-old, who took home England's first ever female weightlifting medal in the Commonwealth Games in Delhi last October - where she won bronze - lifted 91kg in the snatch, a personal best by 5kg and smashing her previous British U23 record of 86kg, set at the British senior championships in Kilmarnock last June. The 91kg lift gave her

second place overall in the snatch phase of the competition. Next up, in the clean and jerk, Smith lifted 110kg, adding 8kg to her PB of 102kg, also set at the same British championships last year.

She opened on a new U23 British record of 105kg, before moving up to 110kg, but failing on her final lift of 115kg.

That lift gave her third place overall in the

clean and jerk phase of the competition and a combined total of 201kg, a new U23 British record by 13kg, securing the silver medal behind the Russian Diana Akhmetova.

This was Zoe's last opportunity to compete at World Youth level, which she first competed at in Thailand in 2008, lifting a combined total of 169kg.

Zoe said: "I'm absolutely thrilled. I was feeling under a lot of pressure to do well here because everyone kept telling me they felt sure I was going to win a medal. I texted my mum to ask her not to be disappointed if I came home with nothing, although I did

admit that I'd be secretly disappointed if I didn't!

"Despite my success in Delhi, I kind of felt I'd let myself down with my performance, so to come here and compete this well on a world stage has really given me so much encouragement and reinforces my belief that I made the right decision to put my studies on hold to move to Leeds and train full-time with the national squad."

The Abbey Wood girl added: "It was a great feeling to get silver and to place above a great nation like China. I got a personal best in the snatch and equalled it in the clean and jerk, but I know I can do better."

British head coach Tamas Feher said: "It was a very touching moment to see Zoe perform so well. As coach it's up to me to make sure we use the right tactics and then up to the athlete to execute them and Zoe executed them very well."

"We expected she would get a medal but we didn't know which one. The Russian girl seemed unbeatable because we knew her results in previous competition but the other places were open."

"I'm very proud of Zoe because we beat the Thai and Chinese girls and these are two leading countries in women's weightlifting."

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